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Honorable Bill Emerson
House of Representatives
2454 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Emerson:

This is in reply to your letter of May 3, 1993, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz. You expressed concern about the impact of the proposed subsection 88.429 regarding power levels for local government and other two-way radio

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While we understand the need to readdress two-way radio frequency regulations in large metropolitan areas, emergency services and a vast number of private businesses in rural areas must have the powerful repeaters and tall antennas allowed under current law. The proposed FCC rules will render obsolete emergency radio equipment currently utilized by police, fire and ambulance personnel in rural areas and will, in many instances, force the costly construction of several additional transmitters to cover ~~the area previously reached with a single transmitter tower~~

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